Adampur Airport

3113. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to find out as to whether the Adampur airport which is at present used by Air-Force, after development can become feasible for landing Air Bus;

(b) if so, what are the findings of the survey team; and

(c) by when the development work at this airport is likely to start and the time by when the work will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Adampur airport belongs to Indian Air Force. Civil operations to/ from this airport are not permitted due to security reasons.

International Airport for Sonepat

3114. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the Times of India, dated 29th July, 1994 tinder the caption International Airport likely for Sonepat.

(b) if so, what are the outlines of the proposal under examination; and

(c) what are the financial implications thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The State Government of Haryana has recently sent a proposal for setting up an International Airport at Kundli in Sonepat District. The Government will take a decision on this proposal in due course.

Promotion of Tourism in Punjab Haryana and H.P.

3115. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of foreign and domestic tourists who visited the tourist attraction places in Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) what are the steps taken or proposed to be taken to develop these places for promotion of tourist traffic in these States;

(c) the details of funds sanctioned for this purpose for Punjab and the amount released so far; and

(d) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The number of foreign and domestic tourists who visited Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh during the last three years were as given below:—

Year	Haryana	Punjab	Himachal Pradesh
1991 Domestic	271,427	39,893	1207,031
Foreign	718	257	15,317
1992 Domestic	296,209	39,529	1521,893
Foreign	887	226	17,775
1993 Domestic	316,358	41,023*	1674,082*
Foreign	1,246	600*	19,552*

*Estimated,

(b) to (d) Financial assistance is provided by the Central Department of Tourism for development of tourism infrastructure on the basis of specific proposals received from the respective State Governments. The amount sanctioned and released to the state of Punjab during the last three years were as given below:—

Year	Amount sanctioned	Amount Released (Rs. lakhs)
1991-92	31.25	16.10
1992-93	135.83	49.50
1993-94	199.11	51.24